

Application No. 10/773,711
Reply to Office Action of March 28, 2006

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claim 22, without prejudice, such that the listing of claims reads as follows:

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (currently amended) A cargo carrier for a motor vehicle comprising

a sheet having at least one layer of a thermoplastic material, wherein the sheet is formed so as to define a pair of opposed, spaced apart sidewalls, a front wall extending between and merging with the sidewalls, a bottom panel extending between and merging with the sidewalls and the front wall and having an upper surface, and a pair of wheel well features disposed generally between the bottom panel and a respective one of the pair of sidewalls,

wherein at least a portion of the upper surface is a roughened, friction enhancing surface having irregular, aligned, elongate grooves or ~~elongate depressions~~ abraded therein.

Claim 23 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 22 wherein the sheet comprises a first layer of a first thermoplastic material and a second layer of a second thermoplastic material co-formed together as a composite sheet.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 23, wherein the composite sheet is co-extruded.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 23, wherein the upper surface comprises the first layer of the first thermoplastic material and the first thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene and polyolefin.

Claim 26 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 23, wherein the first and second layers are bonded together without an adhesive.

Claim 27 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 23, wherein the second layer is a lower layer of high density polyethylene.

Claim 28 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 22, wherein the sheet comprises high density polyethylene.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 22, wherein the roughened, friction enhancing surface is achieved by a rotary brush.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The cargo carrier according to claim 22, wherein the depressions are elongate in structure.

31. (canceled)